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Creating a Skilled Workforce



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USAID workforce skills programs are helping young Haitians achieve their dreams and support their families through demand-driven vocational training.



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To help Haiti's economy grow, USAID and its partners have trained nearly 3,500 students in diverse fields from cooking to window-making.

Providing Vocational Training for Haiti's Youth

USAID is working with its partners to train Haiti's youth and create durable jobs. The USAID-funded *Konbit Ak Tet Ansanm* (KATA) program, implemented by CHF International, creates short- and long-term employment for the people of Haiti.

Using a community-based approach, KATA has rehabilitated infrastructure and helped existing industries to increase their capacity, efficiency, and reach new markets.

Clearing the Way for Reconstruction

Living in Haiti without work is like a soldier deciding to go to war without arms.

Jean Guillaume Chavannes, 22

For those displaced by the earthquake, like KATA participant Jean Guillaume Chavannes, free vocational training is a lifeline to move forward from economic difficulty and trauma to a steady source of income.

After the January 12 earthquake, USAID vocational skills programs proved invaluable as heavy equipment operators trained the previous year were employed to remove rubble. USAID and CHF worked to ensure that KATA training programs taught skills relevant to post-earthquake reconstruction so that young Haitians could help to rebuild their country.

In Port-au-Prince, the KATA program has trained 150 young people from poor neighborhoods in masonry best practices and techniques. The students also learned entrepreneurial skills to help them start their own small businesses. Their training will help support their families, while also contributing to the country's efforts to build back better as homes and other buildings are constructed using higher quality masonry.

Economic Development throughout Haiti

Through additional training and employment opportunities outside Haiti's capital in cities such as St. Marc, Gonaives, Cap-Haïtien, and Petit Goâve, USAID is providing employment opportunities for host communities and the internally displaced Haitians new to these and surrounding towns.

These programs encourage economic development throughout the country, and are part of an effort to target areas outside Haiti's congested capital city. USAID-funded infrastructure projects, such as road building, canal clearing, and school construction, create short-term cash-for-work jobs, provide public goods, and teach new skills that equip participants for future jobs.

Throughout the country, USAID vocational training programs are helping a generation of low-income youth learn a trade and secure their futures for a more prosperous Haiti.